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Linda Harper, Editor

**March  
2021**

## ***Luncheon***

**March 10th**

**Member Cost: \$15**

*Networking: 11:15 am  
Luncheon: 11:40 a.m.-1:00 pm  
RSVP by Tuesday, Mar. 9th*

### **LOCATION**

**Coz's Restaurant  
Mt. Zion**

### **SPEAKERS & TOPIC**

**ADM: Melissa Ridenour  
& Kate Schlosser  
HR 101**

### **EXHIBITOR**

**Your Life Matters LLC**



### ***Mark Your Calendar***

***Luncheon***

**April 14, 2021**

**Mindset Matters  
Mark Sturgill**

***Banquet***

**April 22, 2021**

**Annual Meeting &  
Awards**

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce  
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549  
217-864-2526

**Hours:** Working Remotely  
Make Appointment



## **March *NEWS* from Chamber President Carolyn Ridenour**

March is a step toward warmer weather and will add a "spring" to our steps knowing the winter/white landscape will slowly change to a constant green. March also stands for luck of the Irish, four leaf clovers, and the elusive pot of gold at the end of a rainbow!

With these positive changes it only makes sense to look for opportunities to network with others and even sponsoring the upcoming Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet; which is set for Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. The delicious and tender prime rib dinner will be served at Coz's Restaurant in Mt. Zion. Tickets are \$40 each. Email [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) to order by Monday, April 19, 2021.

To sponsor this first-ever live event since 2019 is only \$200! We will make sure your logo is showcased before the event and even during the Live Facebook Feed. Instead of having the normal silent auction during the event, we are enlisting the services of an online auction company. You register online and bid on any of the items prior to the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet. The winners of each item will be announced during the banquet. We will also recognize the 2020 Outstanding Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and College Scholarship recipients.

We are looking for businesses and/or individuals to donate "themed" baskets or items like gift certificates, novelty items to add to themed baskets. Monies raised from the Auction will be used for future charitable giving and scholarships. You can drop off your items at the Mt. Zion District Library by March 31, 2021. If you have any questions contact myself at [cridenour@cmsdecatour.com](mailto:cridenour@cmsdecatour.com) or Linda Harper at [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com).

Would like to remind everyone to:

1. Sign up to be an Exhibitor during one of our lunch meetings.
2. Participate as a Member Spotlight if you haven't already done so!
3. If you have any Job Openings, please go to the website and submit your opening(s) for FREE! at [www.mtzionchamber.org/jobs-2/submit-a-job-posting](http://www.mtzionchamber.org/jobs-2/submit-a-job-posting).

Don't forget: Daylight Savings Time is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Let's all spring forward to bright-er days!

All The Best,  
Carolyn

# 2021 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - April 22, 2021

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste - September 11, 2021

Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - October 21, 2021

## 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Carolyn Ridenour

**Vice President:** Dan McNeely

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Jay Woodrum

Trudy Jacobs

Laura Jones,

Cayla Hittmeier

Dianne Shaw

## March Luncheon

Our next in-person luncheon is March 10, 2021 in the Coz's Restaurant meeting room. The luncheon costs \$15 and starts at 11:40 a.m.; registration and networking is from 11:15 - 11:40 a.m.



We will have two speakers from ADM; their topic will be "HR 101". Melissa Ridenour, PHR, pictured on the left, is currently an HR Manager supporting Global Technology and Business Transformation and is also responsible for creating and executing strategic workforce planning and sourcing strategies. Melissa leads ADM's workforce and organizational transformation, preparing colleagues for future ways of working through new technology. Kate Schlosser, pictured on the right, is a dynamic HR professional with extensive experience in employee and labor relations, talent acquisition and talent management. Kate has proven success in creating cultures of collaboration, and implementing change to achieve workforce excellence.



Send your RSVP's to [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 9th. Another way to RSVP is to submit your reservation on our website and optionally pay in advance at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/>. If you are paying in advance on the website be sure to also fill in the RSVP information with all the names of those attending from your business or organization. Optionally you can still be invoiced or pay at the door. **The Board is honoring 6 prepaid luncheons in 2021 as we had 6 face-to-face luncheons in 2020.**

The maximum attendance is 50. We will be doing temperature checks at the door, using social distancing and hand sanitizer. Please wear a face mask. Please do not seat more than 4 per table and observe 6 foot social distancing and mask wearing when not eating. We are not placing any literature on the tables to keep everyone safe.

The Any Queen 50/50 raffle is up to \$375.00 at the beginning of the March 10th luncheon. The agenda will be emailed to the membership the day before the luncheon, and the attendee's list will be emailed to all the luncheon attendees after the luncheon.

## MZCC College Scholarships

Each year the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce awards college scholarships. This year's scholarships will total \$3,000. If you or any of your employees have a high school graduate this year, share the scholarship application in this newsletter. If you need a PDF of it, let Linda know. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by **March 15, 2021**. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Meeting & Banquet on April 22nd. Please help spread the word. The scholarship application is on [page 6](#).



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



Work with Amanda Good, with Ambit, to evaluate your AmerenIL power bill to see if she can save you money by changing your power source--not your AmerenIL provider. Ambit is an international company that provides electricity and natural gas services to AmerenIL customers. Contact Amanda at 217-855-0887 to find out how much you can save on your AmerenIL bill each month.

## 2020 Outstanding Business of the Year



It is time to nominate the **2020 Outstanding Business of the Year** by completing the nomination form in this newsletter. All nominations must be received by **April 1, 2021**. This year's winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 22, 2021 Coz's Restaurant. Criteria to keep in mind: Service to the community, a positive economic impact on the community, attendance & service to the chamber and longevity in the community. The nomination form is on [page 4](#) or you can fill it on our website at [www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/history-of-the-chamber/outstanding-business-of-the-year/](http://www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/history-of-the-chamber/outstanding-business-of-the-year/). See [page 5](#) for a list of previous MZCC Outstanding Business Winner.

### MZCC Board Election

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, President Carolyn Ridenour appointed a Nominating Committee which has submitted the following list of eligible candidates to fill four (4) two-year vacancies that will exist at the close of May 31, 2021. Only one vote is allowed per business or organization membership, and the member must be in good standing at the time of election. To keep everyone safe, the ballot for the election will be held through our MZCC Constant Contact app in a survey format and will be sent to the main member of contact listed in our online directory. The winners will be announced at the March 10, 2021 luncheon at Coz's Restaurant.

Here are the four names that have been nominated for the term of June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2023 Board of Directors:

**Danielle Diskey--Renew Total Body Wellness Center**  
**Doug Dehority--First National Bank of Decatur**  
**Allie Hislope--Eagle Ridge of Decatur**  
**Emily Phillips--Neuhoff Media Decatur LLC**

The ballot will be sent out March 2, 2021. Write-in candidates can be submitted in the Comments section of the survey.

Please vote on the electronic ballot by **March 9, 2021**.

### Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

The Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held Thursday, April 22nd at Coz's Restaurant meeting room at 6:30 p.m. After dinner, the program will follow with the Annual Meeting Report and traditional announcements of Outstanding Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and College Scholarship Awards. Tickets will be available at the March 10th luncheon for \$40 each or order by emailing Linda Harper at [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com). All chamber members, employees and their guests are invited to join us. Phase 4 Guidelines will be followed.

### Auction Items Needed

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Everyone can join in.....

This year for the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet we are going to have an Auction Fundraiser. Get creative and have some fun by donating a "themed" basket, a gift card, or an item to help us raise money for future charitable giving. Drop off your Auction items at Mt. Zion District Library by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions email Linda at [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com).



P.O. Box 84 - Mt. Zion, IL 62549 – (217) 864-2526 – [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com)

## 2020 Outstanding Business of the Year Nomination Form

For over 25 years this award is given to a business that has been an outstanding contributor to not just the Chamber but also to our community. Their involvement and commitment is second to none. The membership votes every year in helping to select the current year's award-winning company. On page 2, there is a complete list of previous award winners.

### Criteria:

- Positive economic impact and/or supports the community
- Offers support via volunteerism
- Longevity in the community
- Attendance & service to the Chamber
- Good standing with the Chamber

### Member Eligibility

- Any member with current paid membership (see [www.mtzionchamber.org/directory/](http://www.mtzionchamber.org/directory/))
- Employees/contractors of a paid membership cannot nominate a business
- One nomination per membership

Business Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions for Nomination Submission:

- Complete form, print and sign you name and business represented
- Email to: [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) or
- Mail to:  
Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549
- Deadline to submit is: April 1, 2021

The Outstanding Business of the Year Committee will review nominations and vote. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet. Any questions, please call 864-2526.



## **Past MZCC Outstanding Business Award Recipients**

1993	S.A. Lewis Construction, Inc.	2007	Heritage Manor
1994	Mt. Zion State Bank	2008	Royal Twirling Academy
1995	Mt. Zion School District	2009	Main Hanger Restaurant
1996	The Mt. Zion Region News	2010	Antioch Christian Church
1997	Family Care	2011	S.A. Lewis Construction, Inc.
1998	The First Bank of Mt. Zion	2012	Advanced Disposal
1999	Buchanan Enterprise	2013	Sav-Mor Pharmacy
2000	Green Valley Manufacturing, Inc.	2014	Scott State Bank
2001	Pink of Perfection Cleaning Services	2015	Whitacre-McNamara Insurance
2002	WXFM Radio Station	2016	Mt. Zion District Library
2003	Kenney's Ace Hardware	2017	HSHS St. Mary's Hospital
2004	Gold's Gym	2018	Vieweg Real Estate
2005	Mary Belle's Restaurant	2019	Land of Lincoln Credit Union
2006	Unique Boutique Salon & Spa		



# Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

## 2021 College Scholarship Application

### \$3,000 Total to be Awarded

Submit to either our mailing address or to our email:

**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 84 Mt. Zion, IL 62549**  
**mtzioinilchamber@gmail.com**

**Applications due no later than March 15, 2021**

#### Criteria

- Must be in the current graduating class from Mt. Zion High School; or if attending another high school,
- must be the child of dues-paying Mt. Zion Chamber member. If home-schooled, must provide proof of eligibility.
- Must provide acceptance letter from a post-secondary institution to pursue an associate or baccalaureate degree in a business-related field or other major.
- Must enroll as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).
- Must submit completed application, official high school transcripts, and other required documents to the Chamber by March 15, 2021.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (weighted scale) by the end of 7<sup>th</sup> semester.
- Must demonstrate service to the Macon County community.

#### Student

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Data

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Post-

#### Secondary

#### Data

College/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Enrollment Date \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major \_\_\_\_\_

#### Description of Service

Describe the service you have performed (include extra-curricular activities, church community service, work experience, etc.) Please attach a separate page.

#### Essay

Describe the benefits of affiliations such as the Chamber of Commerce in promoting business and business professionals. Please submit separate page and keep to a minimum of 250 words.

*Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reserves the right to choose recipient(s) at its discretion,*

*and at times may choose to withhold the awarding of scholarships.*

*For more information: Call 217-864-2526 or email mtzioinilchamber@gmail.com.*



## Member Spotlight



*The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight. Billingsley 66 Car Wash and Gas Station in Mt. Zion has been serving providing quality service for over three generations. Stop by the best car wash in town and save ten cents off per gallon with a gas purchase. Free Vacuums! Plus save big when you download the Phillips 66 app; you could save up to 35 cents a gallon! Support local and visit Phillips 66 in Mt. Zion today located at 2015 Mt. Zion Road.*

**Sponsorship Deadline: March 8, 2021**



## **2021 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet**

**6 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021**



Coz's Restaurant Meeting Room  
1205 Village Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549



### **Sponsorship Cost \$200**

- **Logo on communication to all members about banquet**
- **Logo on dinner tickets, program, and newsletter inserts**
- **Week before banquet your ad will be posted on our Facebook page**
  - **E-blast of your ad to the membership**
  - **Logo displayed at the banquet**

***Sponsorship Deadline: March 8, 2021***

***E-mail [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com)***

## **Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Program**

Welcome  
Prime Rib Dinner  
Annual Report  
2020 Outstanding Business of the Year Award  
2020 Volunteer of the Year Award  
2020 College Scholarship Awards

Ticket prices and availability will be advertised soon. Facemasks, social distancing, and capacity guidelines will be observed.





# HOW TO BUY A HOME NOW

Let our experience be your guide.

Newsflash: The real estate market still has a pulse. And with such low-interest rates, it's quite a strong one. So, how are homebuyers buying—now? Here are some tips to set your sights back on that dream home:



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### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
314 S Locust St Stonington	2 bdr/1 bth/ 672 sq ft 2 car garage/Sold "As-Is"	Upper \$9k	6208723
1038 W Forest Ave	2 bdr/1 bth/ Blocks from Millikin Univ/Full Basement	\$18K	6208733
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
512 E Maywood	3 bdr/1 bth/full basement/very well maintained	Upper \$50's	6204362
730 E Cerro Gordo St	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> RETAIL/APARTMENTS/3 floors/11,140 sq feet/elevator	Low \$90's	6209788
3176 N MacArthur Rd	4 bdr/2.5 bth/2066 sq ft/ranch/2.5 car attached garage	Low \$90's	6206001
803 Sarah Dr	4 bdr/2 bth/ NORTH/fenced yard/updated bathrooms	Upper \$110's	6207095
2141 S Richmond Rd	3bdr/2 bth/ RANCH/Completely Remodeled/New Roof	Upper \$110's	6207585
1760 Moundford Ct	3 bdr/1full,2-1/2bths/1152 sq ft man cave/fenced yard	Upper \$140's	6206899
35 Lake Pointe	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3bdr/1.5 bth/RANCH/Lake Decatur views/2 Lots-1.15 acres	\$407K	6209801
7002 W Cantrell St	5 bdr/3.5bth/10 acres~pond,beach,fishingdock/4128 sq ft	Upper \$470's	6206337

### Active/Under Contract Listings

1625 E Barrington	3 bdr/1.5bth/1.5 attach garage/deck/shed	Mid \$70's	6206853
2452 S Marquette Ct	3 bdr/ 1 bth/RANCH/MT Zion schools/fenced yard/patio	Upper \$80's	6207694
56 N Country Club Rd	3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/circular drive/2 car attached garage	\$107K	6207478
1122 Wedgewood Ct	5 bdr/3.5bth/NEW ROOF/Warrensburg schools/3 car gar	Upper \$270's	6202210

### Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
605 W Macon St.	Multi-family/7 units/newer roof & water heater/sold as-is	Upper \$70's	6201500
3654 N Moundford Ave	3 bdr/1 bth/NORTH RANCH/Deck/Fenced-in yard/1288 sq ft	Low \$80's	6207463
2102 Clearmont Ave	3 bdr/ 1.5 bth/RANCH/Home Park/newer roof/fireplace	\$103K	6207608
3858 N Northbrook Dr	3 bdr/2 bth/carpet, paint, water heater & dishwasher 2019	Low \$110's	6204254
4414 Havenwood Dr	3 bdr/2.5 bth/wooded/3 decks/cathedral ceilings/fireplace	Upper \$150's	6207505
8730 Hunters Crossing	Dalton City/4 bdr/2.5 bth/gas fireplace/Mt Zion schools	Lower \$250's	6207136



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  - View Neighborhoods with balloon view!
  - Get turn-by-turn driving directions!
  - Connect with your agent Jim Cleveland
- Enter the link in your browser's search bar to be directed to your app store!

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